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## *PRESENT-DAY CONDITIONS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY*[1]

IT is proper that the office which I have the honor of representing to-night should be a cynosure, but it is unfortunate when in connection with any office, be it never so exalted, there is a tendency to fall into the Malapropian error of confounding a cynosure with a sinecure. I presume that it is with a view to avoiding this danger that an address has become one of the recognized duties pertaining to the chairmanship of this society, and it is but natural that the address should consider some topic connected with our scientific activities. Arguing upon this line, I was tempted to accept this as an opportunity for proposing the toast of 'our noble selves,' and to discourse upon the remarkable growth of the scientific spirit in the middle west during the last decade and the part taken by the members of this association in that growth. I decided, however, that I could not do justice to such a theme, for although 'good wine needs no bush,' yet unworthy words may mar a good tale.

But while I may not linger upon so

[1] Address of the chairman of the Central Branch of the Society of American Naturalists at the meeting held at the University of Wisconsin, March 29, 1907.